Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1816.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

At the Annual Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, the 10th of September, A. L. 5816, at 11 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT:

M.E. JOHN ABBOT, . . .	Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY FOWLE, . .	Grand King.
" HENRY PURKETT, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" THOMAS P. JACKSON, .	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.
Rev. PAUL DEAN, . . .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. Z. G. WHITMAN, . .	Grand Marshal.
" SAMUEL DAVIS, . .	Grand Steward.
" SETH JOHNSON, . .	" "
" JONA. G. JOHNSON, . .	" "
M.E. Comp. JAMES D. HOPKINS,	
" " BENJAMIN HURD,	
" " GILMAN WHITE,	
Comp. EBENEZER OLIVER, .	Grand Tyler.

Visiters admitted by Vote.—Comps. Richard Carrique, J. R. Bradford, Amos Upham, Abiather Richardson, Darius Briggs, Samuel Wales and Benjamin Gleason.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:

St. Andrew's, by E. JOHN SOLEY, as High Priest, DANIEL L. GIBBENS, as King, and J. R. BRADFORD, Scribe.
King Cyrus, by M.E. GILMAN WHITE, High Priest.
Mount Vernon, by M.E. JAS. D. HOPKINS, High Priest.
St. John's, by M.E. CALEB BUTLER, as High Priest, and WM. F. BRAZIER, as King.
Washington, by M.E. THOMAS COLE, High Priest,
King Hiram, by E. BENJAMIN SMITH, as High Priest, and ELISHA WHEELER, King.

The Committee on censures and expulsions, reported progress, and was allowed to sit again.

Voted, That E. Comp. Benj. Smith, Caleb Butler and Elisha Wheeler, be a Committee to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and to report what compensation shall be made them for their services the year past.

The Committee having attended the duty assigned them, reported, That they find the Grand Treasurer's accounts rightly cast and well vouched, and that there remains in his hands a balance of sixty-six dollars and eighty-eight cents, belonging to the Grand Chapter. They also find the books of the Grand Secretary are in exact order, and the records correctly entered. The Grand Treasurer declines receiving any compensation for his services, but your Committee recommend that the sum of twenty dollars be allowed and paid the Grand Secretary for his services the past year.

Signed, BENJ. SMITH, per order.

A petition from M.E. Comp. Richard Carrique, and sundry other Companions in the town of Attleborough, praying for a charter to hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in that town, was read and committed to Comps. Thomas Cole,

D. L. Gibbens and Paul Dean, who having taken the subject into consideration, reported, "That in their opinion it will promote the interests of Royal Arch Masonry, to grant the prayer of the petitioners, and that the Grand High Priest be requested to grant the customary dispensation, as soon as he shall receive from the petitioners the recommendation of St. Andrew's Chapter of Boston."

Signed, THOMAS COLE, per order.

Voted, That the above report be accepted.

The Committee appointed to procure a place for the future meetings of the Grand Chapter, reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

The time having arrived for the choice of officers for the ensuing year, Comps. John Soley, Jas. D. Hopkins and Jona. G. Johnson, were appointed to collect, count and declare the votes, and the following Companions were found to be duly elected, viz:

M.E. ANDREW SIGOURNEY of Boston,	Grand High Priest.
E. JAMES C. KING of Salem,	Grand King.
" JOSEPH BROWN of Newburyport,	Grand Scribe.
" THOMAS P. JACKSON of Boston,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN JAMES LORING of Boston,	Grand Secretary.

M.E. Comps. Benj. Hurd, Henry Purkett and Caleb Butler, were appointed a Committee to wait on the Grand High Priest elect, and to inform him of his election; they having attended to the duty assigned, returned, accompanied by M.E. Andrew Sigourney, who having signified his acceptance, was installed in ample form by the M.E. John Abbot.

The M.E. Grand High Priest was pleased to make the following appointments, and the officers present were duly installed.

M.E. HENRY FOWLE of Boston,	Dep. G. High Priest
Rev. Comp. PAUL DEAN of Boston,	Grand Chaplain.
" " E. L. BASCOM of Phillipston,	" "
" " ALPHEUS HARDING,	" "
" " JAMES MORSE,	" "
Comp. ZACH. G. WHITMAN of Boston,	Grand Marshal.
" SETH JOHNSON of Boston,	Grand Steward.
" SAMUEL DAVIS of Boston,	" "
" BENJ. WHITMORE of Newburyport,	" "
" JONA. G. JOHNSON of Newburyport,	" "
" RICH'D HUNNEWELL of Newburyport,	Grand Tyler.
" EBEN'R OLIVER of Boston,	" "

Previous to the election, E. Comp. Henry Fowle and Nath'l Knapp, Jr., declined being considered candidates for any office, and M.E. John Abbot having sustained the office of Grand High Priest the term limited by the Constitution, took leave of the Companions in an address fraught with Masonic information, and forcibly recommending the continuance of that unanimity, which has so eminently distinguished this Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented M.E. John Abbot, for his faithful and useful services for the three years past, and to request of him a copy of the address delivered this day, to be placed on the files of this Grand Chapter. E. Comps. Fowle, Whitman and Jackson, were appointed a Committed to carry the vote into effect; they having attended the duty, reported, "that he had complied with their request."

Voted, That Comps. H. Fowle, Z. G. Whitman and J. J. Loring, be a Committee to ascertain what jewels and other regalia are wanting, and to provide such as may be necessary, and to draw on the Grand Treasurer for payment for the same.

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented the Grand Treasurer for his services the year past.

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented E. Comp. Nathaniel Knapp, Jr., for his services as Grand Scribe the past year, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish him a copy of the vote.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 10th of December, A. L. 5816.

PRESENT:

M.E. ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY FOWLE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JAMES C. KING,	Grand King.
" JOSEPH BROWN,	Grand Scribe.
" THOMAS P. JACKSON,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. E. PAUL DEAN,	Grand Chaplain.
" " EZEKIEL L. BASCOM,	" "
Comp. HENRY PURKETT,	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
" SETH JOHNSON,	Grand Steward.
" WM. EATON,	Grand Tyler.
M.E. JOHN ABBOT,	Past Grand High Priest.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the following Chapters were represented, viz:

St. John's, by Comp. C. BUTLER, High Priest, WM. F. BRAZIER, as King, and J. LEWIS, Jr., as Scribe.

King Solomon's, by Comp. JOHN WILDER, High Priest, and ISAAC SOUTHWICK, as King.

Washington, by Comp. THOMAS COLE, High Priest, and JOHN NORRIS, King.

King Hiram, by SETH WASHBURN, High Priest, and E. L. BASCOM, King.

Adoniram, by Comp. RICHARD CARRIQUE, High Priest.

Visiters admitted by vote.—Comps. Richard Robinson, Obed Robinson, Ephraim Mower, John A. Lazell and Benjamin Ball.

The Grand Secretary stated that in compliance with the vote passed at the last Annual Communication, a dispensation had been issued to the Companions at Attleborough, dated 4th of October last, constituting them a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, by the name of Adoniram.

Committee for procuring regalia, &c., reported progress, and was allowed to sit again.

Voted, That the Committee on censures and expulsions be discharged, and the subject dismissed.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were recited, and the Grand Chapter closed.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 10th of June, A. L. 5817.

PRESENT:

M.E. ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY FOWLE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" HENRY PURKETT,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" ROB'T LASH, Jr.,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" THOMAS P. JACKSON,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING,	Grand Secretary.
" Z. G. WHITMAN,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. SETH JOHNSON,	Grand Steward.
" J. G. SPRAGUE,	" "
" EBEN'R OLIVER,	Grand Tyler.
E. SAMUEL L. KNAPP,	Past King.

Visiters.—Comps. Daniel Tuck, Benj. Ball, Simeon Copps and Roswell Lee.

The following Chapters were Represented, viz:

St. Andrew's, by Comps. ROB'T LASH, Jr., High Priest, C. C. NICHOLS, as King, and A. BOWEN.

St. John's, by Comp. WILLIAM F. BRAZIER, as Scribe, &c.

Washington, by Comp. J. G. SPRAGUE, Scribe.

King Hiram, by Comp. L. EASTMAN, as High Priest, and C. GRAY, as King.

Committee for procuring regalia, &c., reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

A petition from Comps. Samuel Osgood, Roswell Lee and others, in the town of Springfield, praying for a Charter to hold a Chapter in that place, was read, and committed to

Comps. C. C. Nichols, C. Butler and Robert Lash, Jr., who having taken the subject into consideration, reported, "That in their opinion, it is advisable that the petition be so far sustained in this Grand Chapter, that the M.E. Grand High Priest be requested to grant a letter of dispensation on receiving the requisite recommendation from the Chapter at Greenwich." Signed by

C. C. NICHOLS, C. BUTLER and R. LASH, Jr.,
Committee.

Voted, That the above report be accepted.

A petition from Comp. Luke Eastman, praying that a Committee may be appointed from this Grand Chapter to examine a collection of Masonic songs, &c., which he is about to publish, was read, and E. Comps. Henry Fowle, Jona. Gage, Robert Lash, Jr., John J. Loring and Zach. G. Whitman, were appointed such Committee, with power to grant a certificate of approbation, if they think proper.

Voted, That E. Comps. Henry Fowle, Thomas P. Jackson and Robert Lash, Jr., be a Committee to report a uniform explanation of the Key to the Royal Arch characters.

Voted, That the Committee on fees to this Grand Chapter be discharged, and the subject be committed to E. Comps. H. Fowle, C. Butler, S. L. Knapp, R. Lash, Jr., and Henry Purkett.

Voted, That E. Comps. Joseph Brown, Gilman White and Jona. G. Johnson, be a Committee to provide a dinner for the Grand Chapter and the representatives of subordinate Chapters, at the Annual Communication in September next.

E. Comps. T. P. Jackson, H. Purkett and Z. G. Whitman, were appointed to provide a place for the future meetings of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest informed the Companions that he had appointed Tuesday, the 24th instant, for the dedication of Adoniram Chapter and for the installation of its officers.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch were given, and the Grand Chapter closed.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a Special Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at the house of Comp. Balkam, in Attleborough, 24th of June, A. L. 5817.

PRESENT:

M.E. ANDREW SIGOURNEY, .	Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY FOWLE, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" HENRY PURKETT, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" THOMAS P. JACKSON, .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" BENJAMIN SMITH, . .	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.
Rev. and E. PAUL DEAN, .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. Z. G. WHITMAN, . .	Grand Marshal.
" SAMUEL HOWE, . .	Grand R. A. Captain.
" WILLIAM BARRY, . .	Grand Captain of Host.
" ELISHA WHEELER, . .	Grand Principal Sojourner.
" SETH JOHNSON, . .	Grand Steward.
" SIMEON COPPS, . .	" "
" GEORGE ATWOOD, . .	Bearer of Great Lights.
" JOHN EDSON, . . .	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the following commission and report were read, viz:

BOSTON, 1st of May, 1817.

E. Comp. HENRY FOWLE:

A number of regular Royal Arch Masons having petitioned the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, in regular form, to open and hold a Chapter in the town of Attleborough, a dispensation therefor was granted them in October last, and Comp. Richard Carrique was appointed as their High Priest. It is necessary that the said Companions should be examined as to their abilities to perform the requisite duties previous to the consecration of said Chapter and the installation of its officers. I do therefore by the high powers vested in me, appoint you, and Comp. John J. Loring, a Committee to proceed sometime in the present month of May to Attleborough, and in open Chapter, to examine said Companions in all the duties and ceremonies which it is requisite for them to perform as a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and of the preceding degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters, and to make due report of your proceedings to me on or before the first Tuesday in June ensuing.

Signed, A. SIGOURNEY,
Grand High Priest of Mass.

ANDREW SIGOURNEY, Esq.,
Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Mass.

M. Excellent, Sir:

We have the honor to inform you that agreeably to your directions dated 1st of May, 1817, we met the officers and members of Adoniram Chapter, at their Hall in Attleborough, on Saturday, the 16th of May ultimo, at 3 o'clock, commenced the investigation required, and we have much pleasure in stating, that after close examination on the lectures and ceremonies of opening and closing the Chapter and Lodges of the appendant degrees, together with the forms of conferring the several degrees, &c., we found our Excellent and Rev. Comp. Richard Carrique, their first High Priest, well qualified to perform the various and highly

important duties of his office, and from the zeal exhibited by the members generally, we have no doubt but he will be ably and honorably supported in his exertions to promote the honor of our Royal Art, and diffuse the sublime principles and precepts it inculcates and enforces. We therefore ask leave to recommend that the Grand Chapter accede to the wishes of Adoniram Chapter to be consecrated, and have their officers installed on the 24th instant.

We have the honor to be, Most Excellent, with sentiments of the highest respect, your obedient fraternal servants,

Signed, HENRY FOWLE, JOHN J. LORING, } *Committee.*

BOSTON, 9th of June, 5817.

A report of a Convention of High Priests at Boston, stating that they had conferred the Order of High Priesthood on M.E. Comp. John Wilder of Leicester, who produced the necessary vouchers of his having been elected High Priest of King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter, at Charlton, was read.

Voted, That said report be placed on the files of this Grand Chapter.

A procession was then formed under the direction of the Grand Marshal and proceeded to the Meeting House, where Adoniram Chapter was solemnly consecrated and its officers installed in "due and ancient form," and an instructive and impressive address was delivered by E. and Rev. Comp. Paul Dean. The procession was again formed and the Grand Chapter conducted to their room, and having closed in due form, partook of an excellent repast prepared by Comp. Balkam. Several Masonic sentiments were given and songs sung, and the company separated at an early hour, much pleased with the proceedings of the day.

The following were installed as the officers of Adoniram Chapter for the current year, viz:

M.E. RICHARD CARRIQUE,	. High Priest.
E. ABIATHER RICHARDSON,	. King.
" GEORGE ELLIS,	. Scribe.
Comp. CARLOS BARROWS,	. Treasurer.
" DARIUS BRIGGS,	. Secretary.
" JABEZ NEWALL,	. Royal Arch Captain.
" WILLIAM FISHER,	. Captain of Host.
" EDW'D RICHARDSON,	. Principal Sojourner.
" G. W. ROBINSON,	. Master of Vail.
" DANIEL BABCOCK,	. " " "
" MANNING RICHARDS,	. " " "
" OTIS ROBINSON,	. Steward.
" CHESTER BUGBEE,	. "
" AMOS SWEET,	. Tyler.

A true record.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.